

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR A WEB BROWSER TO SELECT A HOME PAGE  
UPON ACTIVATION BASED ON A SCHEDULER OR NETWORK CONNECTION**

10           A method and apparatus for a Web browser to display an  
alternate home page when a default home page is not  
presently accessible are provided. The method and apparatus  
ensures that the default home page is presently accessible  
before the browser contacts the computer system hosting the  
15   home page, when the web browser is first activated. If the  
default home page is accessible, it is accessed and  
displayed. If not, an alternate home page is accessed and  
displayed. In one embodiment of the invention, the  
invention uses a scheduler (i.e., time and day that the home  
20   page may be accessible) to determine whether the home page  
is presently accessible. In another embodiment, the  
invention uses IP addresses to determine whether the host  
computer and the computer used by the user are within the  
same network. If the two computers are within the same  
25   network, then the home page is determined to be presently  
accessible; otherwise, it is determined to be presently  
inaccessible.